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Attorney General Darrell McGraw Awards Funding to Juvenile Mediation and Victim Assistance Program from Purdue Pharma Settlement Funds

Charleston – Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$45,000 to the Juvenile Mediation and Victim Assistance Programs in the Northern Panhandle. The Juvenile Mediation Program will receive \$25,000. The Victim Assistance Program will receive \$20,000. This money comes from the third installment of the \$10,000,000 settlement with Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of the drug OxyContin.

The Juvenile Mediation Program serves Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler counties. The Juvenile Mediation Program assists many juveniles by providing them with a positive influence and the tools needed to build a brighter future. The Juvenile Mediation Program provides an array of services such as: psychological evaluations, drug/alcohol groups, drug/alcohol education and early prevention and individual or family counseling. We are fortunate that we will be able to continue serving juveniles and their families,” stated Project Coordinator Tammy Jones.

The Victim Assistance program serves Hancock, Brooke and Ohio counties. Drug and alcohol abuse is a common symptom in the aftermath of criminal victimization. The Victim Assistance Program provides drug and alcohol education to those who have been adversely affected by the traumatic effects of drug abuse. The Victim Assistance Program also provides crisis intervention when necessary.

“The Juvenile Mediation Program and the Victim Assistance Program provide help and hope for many West Virginia citizens. Drug abuse is a reoccurring problem that demands a solution. These programs are taking affirmative steps to find that solution,” stated Attorney General Darrell McGraw.

The Purdue Pharma settlement agreed to pay West Virginia \$10,000,000 over four years. This money is being used to provide funding for several organizations throughout the state that help in the battle against the epidemic of drug abuse that ruins communities. This funding will serve more than twenty counties across West Virginia.

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